



# Little River Currents

## Second Annual "Restoring Peace in Indian Country" Conference

The Second Annual "Restoring the Peace" Conference was held at the Little River Casino Resort Conference Center on September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Family Services coordinated this event last year to bring awareness to our tribal members and the community at large as to what Domestic Violence really is.

"We hold this conference, to let individuals know that there is help, and hopefully bring The Tribal Community back to the values that women and children are Sacred – not property, which was learned from the Europeans." Says Julie Ramsey.

Member's attendance was much greater this year than the last and Family Services predicts that it will increase from year to year. People will come to recognize it's importance and pass the word around. The format changed somewhat this year from last, although last year's conference went extremely well, it being the first of this kind.

- By Emily Drouin



ABOVE LEFT - Shawn's (Stalzer) drumming and singing was wonderful...



ABOVE RIGHT - Annie Humphrey, (...) sharing stories and songs with us... CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



## GOOD THUNDER MOTORCYCLE CO.

Don Stone, Matt Stone and Rob Bloch have a great deal to be proud of. Good Thunder Motorcycle Co. (GTM) is a unique company that builds custom motorcycles that... are worth more than a second glance. Thanks in part to the LRBOI Higher Education Scholarships, these men made their dreams come true, and created a one of a kind product.

Don and Matt were among the first Tribal Members to receive education funding from the Little River Band. The father and son's Higher Education Scholarships enabled them to attend a Harley Davidson Repair program at the American Motorcycle Institute in Daytona Beach, Florida.-CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

## TRIBE'S STUDENTS VISIT NEW NATIVE AMERICAN MUSEUM IN DC

At 5:30 am on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9 chaperones, 27 Tribal children, their parents (some of whom were chaperones) and piles of luggage stood waiting in front of the Tribal Community Center. Despite the early hour everyone was smiling and chattering. They were waiting for the charter bus that was going to take them to Washington DC to attend part of the Grand Opening of the National Museum of the American Indian. To minimize the days of school the kids would miss, this trip was taken at the end of the Grand Opening week, so the massive crowds of Native people gathered on the National Mall had thinned out quite a bit. Still there were a lot of people and it was fortunate that we were able to get timed entry passes ahead of time so we didn't have to wait in huge lines to get into the museum.

The chaperones: Ryan Champagne, Bridget Cole, Jason Crawford, Mack Brushman, George Lawrence, Yvonne Parsons, Sharon Shepard, Tom Shepard, Laura Verheek,

The kids: Beau Bailey, Jayme Ceplina, Chester Cole, Raquel Cole, Amber Frome, Ashley Frome, Joe Gonzalez, Rain Gonzalez, Shiann Gonzalez, Sky Gonzalez, Geo Lawrence, Ira Lawrence, Sommer Lawrence, Dustyn Meadows, Josh McClellan, Buddy Oleniczak, Aaron Peoples, Brett Peoples, Melissa Peoples, Gabriel Santos, Nathaniel Santos, Phillip Santos, Amber Shepard, Tianna Tyrrell, Ashley Verheek, Chrissy Verheek, and Knight Vizenor - *seen below* - CONTINUED ON P. 10

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HC - Housing Commission, GC - Gaming Commision, NR - Natural Resources  
EC - Enrollement Commission

Happy Anniversary!

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary Roger & Phillis Snyder!  
- Love, your children; Mike, Roger, Janet, Everett, Patty & Lori

Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary Rodger & Phyllis Snyder!  
- Love, your Grandchildren; Lenny, Henry, Kati, Natalie, Erik & Aaron

Happy Anniversary Mommy & Daddy! Happy smiles for you from me on your Anniversary!  
- Love, your Son, David

Happy 3rd year Anniversary to my Son David and my Daughter Shelly Ibarra. Here’s to next year, may it be filled , filled to the brim with lots and lots of love and happieness.  
- Love, Mom... p.s. Hi family and friends in Manistee - Love B.J.

Happy Anniversary Joe & Betty Koon and many more. 52 yrs ago must have been a great day for you’ns!  
- Love ya both, Helen & Bob

Birthday Celebrations

Happy 30th Birthday, Julie! We love you!  
- Dawn, Steve, Coy, Aaron, Kim, David & Monica

Happy 12th Birthday William C. Oskaboose!  
- With lots of love from Dad, Mom, Justin & John

Dad (Bill Sikorski) Even though you may live far away from us in Miles (CO), you are never far from our hearts, we love you!  
- Andree & Shar

Happy Birthday Sister!  
- Love, Brother Blake & Family

Happy 13th Birthday Sammy Sanchez! Enjoy the Beginning of your teenage years!  
- From your loving family; Mom, Grandma, Grandpa, Todd, Jamie, Mick & Skylar

Happy Birthday Dad (Raymond Pete) and many, many more!  
- Love Curt and Renee  
All the way accross the Great Lake in Milwaukee

Happy Birthday to Lewis Hawkins!  
- Sorry for all the lost time, Dad

Congratulations!

Congrats to Mike on his new addition!  
- From the Clyne Family

Just Because...

“Luke Updyke”  
I’m proud to have you my Son!  
I love you always.  
- your Mom



# FAMILY & HEALTH

## UNINSURED SMOKERS CAN GET THE PATCH FREE

Smokers in Michigan now have one less excuse to not try to quit. The state announced Friday that it will offer uninsured smokers a two-month supply of free nicotine patches or gum to help them shake the habit. The nicotine supplements will be provided through the Department of Community Health.

“Every effort the state of Michigan can make to help citizens - especially those that are uninsured in Michigan - quit smoking is a step in the right direction,” said Janet Olszewski, the director of the Department of Community Health in a press release.

Patches and gum are usually covered by health insurance, and Olszewski said the program is targeted at those that can’t afford the nicotine reduction therapy.

The program is an effort to reduce the state Medicaid costs for treating tobacco-related illness - about \$881 million every year.

- Submitted by Pamela Medahko, LRBOI Council

## Second Annual ‘Restoring Peace in Indian Country’ Conference on Domestic Violence

The Conference was a great success. We had over 50 participants both days. Annie Humphrey, who began the conference sharing personal stories and songs with us gave a new perspective regarding the struggles of women not only in Indian Country but around the world. Tribal Members, Debra Gutowski and Shawn Stalzer did a wonderful job; Debra showed us how to make Talking Sticks and discussed Conflict Resolution. Shawn’s drumming and singing was wonderful and it added to his contribution when he shared the history of the songs he sang with us. All speakers were well received.

The first conference was funded by the STOP Violence against Indian Women Grant that Julie Ramsey, a Family Violence Prevention Worker was working with at the time. This year’s conference was funded by The Family Violence Prevention Fund.

Special thanks to the Family Services Staff for all their help in getting the conference set up, being there to help with the registration, and running back and forth to get checks for the speakers and helping with labels, etc. Additional Chi Miigwetch to JoAnn House, Michelle Lucas, Janis Compeau, and Glen Zaring for their help and patience.

“I believe it is important for Family Services because it hopefully will bring a more stable family unit in the future, ensuring support from family, friends, as well as the community.”

Every abusive situation creates instability, hurt and scarring that in turn lead to the cycle being repeated again and again. Facing this issue together makes a community stronger in the fight against violence. Strong communities raise strong children and strong children make the world a better place. Mi-gwetch’.

Emily Drouin PRS/ Julie Ramsey, Family Violence Prevention Worker



Debra (Gutowski) showed us how to make Talking Sticks



Patrons of the Conference learning how to make Talking Sticks

## We need homes for special needs children

Being a teenager is a difficult time for anyone growing up. Unfortunately, most children that need a home are not infants or small children; the children most in need of a family are teenagers.

Children today are faced with a world that resembles very little the one we grew up in. They have hip-hop, grunge, rap, etc..., “groovy” clothes, cell phones, TEVO, video games, Internet and raves; we couldn’t have dreamt all these things up! Unfortunately, they also have readily available drugs, HIV, rape, teenage pregnancy, and a tense, quick paced society to contend with. Yet some children have much more to worry about *they need a stable home to live in and families that will love them, help them and care about them.*

We are looking desperately for families that are willing to rise to the challenge. This is an opportunity to help a child in need... and maybe learn a few things from them yourself.

Some children have been through several foster homes. It becomes more and more difficult for them to adjust and accept new families time and again. It is hurtful to be told you have to leave a home that you are attached to. Each time a child is moved it gets harder. They are in dire need of stability.

Right now, you can make a difference – change a young, deserving, life. Make an impact on the next generation. To be someone’s hero, call;

Bernadene Crampton  
Indian Child Welfare Specialist  
231-398-6609 or 1-888-382-8299.

Article by Emily Drouin, PRD

# LOCAL NEWS

## USGS COMMISSIONS NEW RESEARCH VESSEL

CHEBOYGAN —Cheboygan Vessel Base in Cheboygan, Mich., is the home of a newly commissioned research vessel — and she’s a beauty! On Aug. 12, the U.S. Geological Survey/ Great Lakes Science Center (GLSC) christened its new 101-foot ship the Research Vessel (R/V) Sturgeon by breaking a bottle of local Nicholas Black River wine across the bow.

The commissioning was officiated by USGS Deputy Director Robert Doyle, after which attendees boarded for the vessel’s inaugural cruise — a quick tour of the bay.

The ceremony was truly a community event. The inauguration took place in the Cheboygan Opera House, just two blocks away from the dock, with Mayor James Muschell serving as Master of Ceremonies. GLSC Director Leon Carl gave the welcome. Speakers were Senator Levin’s representative, Harold Chase, Senator Stabenow’s representative, Brandon Fewins, and Congressman Bart Stupak’s representative, Heather Grobaski.

Members of the Straits Area Concert Band formed a brass choir to provide music. The invocation was given by Rev. Budd Wagner of the St. Thomas Lutheran Church and the christening was performed by Suzette Kimball. GLRC Asst. Director Tom Todd, decked out in full Scottish regalia, performed the traditional “Road to the Isles,” on the bagpipes.

Doyle read orders to the crew: Captain Ed Perry, Vessel Crew Tom Girard and Phil Pepper, Scientific Crew Jaci Savino, Jeff Schaffer, Dave Warner and Chuck Maddenjian, Technicians Courtney Paul, Tim O’Brien, Jeff Holuszko and Tim Descorcie. The Cheboygan area VFW Post Color Guard raised the ship’s pennant, the U.S. flag and the Canadian flag to the national anthems. Pipecarrier Dwight “Bucko” Teeple smudged the vessel with the four sacred medicines, tobacco, cedar, sage and sweetgrass, before its first official cruise.

The R/V Sturgeon is the newest ship to be added to the GLSC fleet of four research vessels that are used to conduct fisheries and aquatic research across the Great Lakes basin. The 101-foot vessel is designed to operate with a crew of three and can support a scientific staff of seven for up to a 15-day mission. The R/V Sturgeon can support a wide variety of aquatic science projects in the open waters of the Great Lakes. It uses state-of-the-art electronic navigational and scientific equipment as well as traditional sampling gear such as bottom trawls and gill nets.

The primary mission of the R/V Sturgeon is to support fisheries-related science in Lakes Michigan and Huron, helping the GLSC key science programs in deepwater science, restoration ecology, and invasive species. For over 30 years, the GLSC has provided

information on prey fish populations, such as alewife, rainbow smelt, bloater and sculpin. This information helps state, tribal, and federal managers to make better-informed management decisions for top fish predators — lake trout, Pacific salmon, and other sport and commercial fish species — that feed on these prey fish. The science center also provides scientific information for the evaluation of management strategies to restore native fish species such as lake trout and to combat invasive species such as sea lamprey. Headquartered in Ann Arbor with eight field stations throughout the Great Lakes region, the GLSC works to advance scientific knowledge and provide scientific information to resource managers for restoring, enhancing, managing, and protecting the living resources and their habitats in the Great Lakes basin ecosystem.

- **Jennifer Dale**  
Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority



Pipecarrier Dwight “Bucko” Teeple smudges the R/V Sturgeon

R/V Sturgeon on the Bay.



## GOOD THUNDER MOTORCYCLE CO

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At the time (1997) Don & Matt Stone applied for a grant from the Tribe’s Education Programs, funding for Vocational Education was in the budget, but the program details and guidelines had not yet been developed. The only funding available was the Higher Education Scholarship program and the American Motorcycle Institute was not an accredited college. We called the BIA, which provided funding for both the Higher Education and Vocational programs. Gerald Parrish, advised us that, if the Tribal Education Committee was in support of the funding, it should not be a problem to fund the Harley repair course with Higher Education funding. The Education Committee was pretty supportive of Tribal members seeking to further their opportunities by taking up a unique educational pursuit, but not everyone was convinced at first. There was a lot of discussion about the merits of the program. Was it necessary for students to go all the way to Florida to learn to fix motorcycles? Was such a narrow focus going to be that beneficial to these students? Was

it worth the expense? But the American Motorcycle Institute was the only school in the country to offer the training, and after much discussion among the Education Committee members and Tribal Council the decision was made to approve the awards. Donald and Matthew headed down to Daytona Beach and worked hard and finished up the program. ... PAGE 5



# ACHIEVEMENTS

## GOOD THUNDER MOTORCYCLE CO

It has always been a favorite memory around the Education Department, they often wondered how things turned out for the father and son who left the cold weather of the Upper Peninsula to hang out in sunny Daytona Beach learning to repair Harley-Davidson Motorcycles. And then one day we found out just how much the educational experience meant to them, and how appreciative they were of the opportunities the Tribe was able to give them. Don and Matt came to the Education Department 8 years later to share their unique business success.

In 2004, after years of advising many motorcycle owners on how to repair, upgrade and “chop” bikes, Don and Matt decided to formalize their “love and spirit” for custom bikes. They developed a business plan and incorporated their company. That’s when Rob Bloch joined GTM as President and Business Manager.

Today, GTM has grown out of Don’s garage into a modest assembly building and another nearby building that contains parts inventory storage, a paint booth and an office to better support the customer base. Don and Matt Stone’s passion combined with Rob’s business knowledge are at the center of GTM’s success.

Quality and the desire to make each motorcycle unique takes these choppers to levels that exceed their customers’ expectations. Each paint job is unique and done by veteran, and sometime famous painters. Every customer is involved with the total “custom chopper experience”; from component requests to road handling expectations to the incorporation of one of a kind “water jet” machined parts, and including the paint designs. GTM “choppers” are show bikes as well as everyday riders. They’ll even match your helmet to the bike’s paint theme.

When Don and Matt showed up at the River St. LRBOI office, we all came out for a look. “Sweet..” is all I could say, impeccable chrome jobs, detail that makes the bikes not only unique, but also reflect Anishinaabek culture, and, of course, lots of engine to play with.

- Emily Drouin

### *DON & MATT STONE*

### *WITH ONE OF THEIR MOST RECENT CREATIONS*



## REVENUE SHARING

The headlines in the newspapers and on television this year especially during this political season have been about how the Federal and State governments are short on money. They are being forced to reduce their financial support of local programs... because ‘there just isn’t enough money to go around!’ Our schools, police departments, parks programs and just about everyone else who depends upon tax money are scrambling to keep up their work with reduced levels of funding.

At the Manistee Local Revenue Sharing Board meeting October 11, 2004 in the Manistee Township Hall, current figures on the 2004 Revenue Sharing program were made public as part of the hearing on Grant Applications. There were 32 different grant applications from various local townships, the Village of East Lake, West Shore Community College, the Manistee Public Schools, Manistee County, the City of Manistee, the Village of Copemish, Manistee Catholic Schools, the Manistee County Medical Care Facility and Bear Lake Schools.

It is safe to say that all of these grant applications (requests) have seemingly valid purposes in mind. It is probably also safe to say that all of these requesting agencies have been impacted by reduced budgets and shortfalls. How the money is distributed

to these worthwhile causes is up to the Revenue Sharing Board whose decisions will be announced at the November meeting.

The needs are great and will be handled pursuant to the Compact and the Local Revenue Sharing Board’s bylaws.

Against this backdrop of woe, it is interesting to note that the level of contributions from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians under their **LRBOI / State of Michigan Gaming Compact** have gone up...not down!

The support of the Tribe for the local community above and beyond the 8% that we pay as ‘taxes’ to the state has indeed gone up. What is interesting is that the Tribal local **Payment in Lieu of Taxes (P.I.L.T.)** for the fiscal year has actually increased almost 30% over last year! To the tune of an increase of over \$300,000!

Our voluntarily contributed money is supporting Fire, Police and Public Safety programs; Village infrastructure programs, School systems, City medical facilities and much, much more. It is our contribution to the well-being of our area and our neighbors. We are proud of being good neighbors and partners and look forward to working with our total community in the future.

- Glenn Zaring, Public Information Director

# Natural Resources & our Environment

## AGENCIES SINK RESOURCES INTO PULLING ABANDONED NETS

HARBOR SPRINGS, Mich. — Five abandoned trap nets were recently removed by tribal and state law enforcement agencies on the Great Lakes. There was no identification on any of the recovered nets, according to a report prepared by Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) Conservation Enforcement Officer Roger Willis.

“All agencies are working hard at identifying these abandoned nets and getting them removed from the water,” said Willis.

The agencies work together through a Law Enforcement Committee under the 2000 Consent Decree comprised of law enforcement officers from state and tribal agencies in the 1836 treaty-ceded territory on the upper Great Lakes. The committee members meet regularly to address enforcement issues such as abandoned trap nets. The group also arranges joint patrols.

On June 15, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) along with the Little Traverse Bay Bands and Wilderness State Park staff removed a net located just north of Waugoshance Point at a depth of 10 feet. According to Willis, MDNR officers dragged the net to the Cecil Bay boat launch where they were met by LTBB and Wilderness Park staff, who used a tractor to land the net and load it into a truck for MDNR disposal.

A second net was pulled from Lake Michigan on July 2. It was set west of Good Hart at a depth of 8 feet. LTBB officers dragged the net to Cross Village where they were met by LTBB Maintenance Dept. staff, who dragged the net out with a tractor for disposal.

According to the report, on July 13, two nets in 80 feet of water, were removed from northern Lake Huron, one south of Drummond Island and one south of St. Vitals Point. Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA), along with LTBB, Bay Mills Indian Community and the MDNR, met on the water to observe a CORA-contracted fisherman pull the nets with a trap net boat. The pull cost \$3,000 according to the report.



Little Traverse Bay Band Maintenance Crew help Conservation Officers dispose of abandoned nets.

Most recently, LTBB pulled a fifth net out of 17 feet of water on northern Lake Michigan, 5 miles west of Waugoshance Point. LTBB Wildlife Department staff had spotted a possible abandoned net during a fly-over of the area and reported the sighting to LTBB Law Enforcement officers. On July 27, after locating what was indeed an abandoned net, officers dragged it to Cross Village where they were met by their Maintenance Department staff to help land and dispose of the net, according to Willis.

ABANDONED NET being dragged out of the water by authorities

*To report a net you believe to be abandoned, contact your local tribal or state conservation enforcement agency.*

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## GLRC opposes Yellow Dog Mine

CORA

PETOSKEY — On June 18, the Great Lakes Resource Committee (GLRC) under the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) formally opposed the proposed sulfide mine in the Salmon Trout and Yellow Dog River waters. The committee took the position that the right to fish under the 1836 treaty is dependent on the ability of the Great Lakes ecosystem to support viable and stable fish stocks.

The life of the proposed mine is less than eight years. But, the pollution resulting from such a mine could last hundreds of years. Both rivers have been identified as important fish and wildlife habitat by the Habitat Committee of the Binational Program. The Kennecott Exploration Company applied for a permit to mine copper and nickel in the Marquette County rivers. According to Mike Ripley, Environmental Coordinator for ITFAP, the ores for the potential mine contain high levels of sulfide minerals. When mined, these ores can produce acid mine drainage that is lethal to sensitive fish species such as trout. The Salmon Trout River is home to the last native Michigan population of coaster brook trout.

Ore processing would require tailings basins and the production of metal-contaminated wastewater that could cause the release of mercury and other heavy metals, affecting the fisheries. The surrounding area of the proposed site is pristine wilderness. What little development exists has little impact on water resources. The mine would require extensive infrastructure such as roads, culverts, bridges, clearings for building and utilities corridors.

GLRC passed a resolution that stated its unqualified opposition to “any new or proposed mine in the headwaters and watershed of the Yellow Dog and Salmon Trout Rivers and supports the enactment of the most stringent environmental requirements for any new sulfide ore mining within the state by the Michigan legislature as soon as possible.” Michigan has no laws on the books to regulate sulfide ore mines. A work group was formed in April to develop regulations for underground mining in Michigan. Representatives from local and state government, conservation groups and the mining industry participate in the work group.

According to the Associated Press, the group was to have finished its work after sessions on Aug. 23 and 24 in Marquette. The group, however, needed more time and scheduled another meeting Sept. 17 in St. Ignace. The AP reported that environmental impact assessments and restoring mine sites were among the unresolved issues.

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## REWARDS OFFERED FOR TAGS IN LANDMARK WHITEFISH STUDIES

SAULT STE. MARIE — A \$5 reward for the return of tagged whitefish is now being offered by the Inter Tribal Fishery Assessment Program (ITFAP). The reward stems from two ongoing whitefish studies now being conducted in cooperation with other Great Lakes agencies on northern Lakes Michigan and Huron.

According to ITFAP Assessment Biologist Mark Ebener, the studies will provide a wealth of information about whitefish populations in the northern lakes, making the recapture of these fish worth much more than the reward money — the whitefish studies will answer questions to help fishery managers better understand population dynamics of the highly sought native species.

“Both studies depend upon the cooperation of the fishermen and giving us the tags, said Ebener. Of the 7,000 whitefish tagged last fall, ITFAP is already seeing returns, he said. “It’s been good so far,” he added. Another 16,000 will be tagged this year, said Ebener — 4,000 in Lake Michigan and 12,000 in Huron. The studies are ongoing through 2006. Ebener is the primary contact for recaptured fish and his phone number is on the tag. He requests that fishermen phone him directly from the boat. “That would be perfect,” he said, since ITFAP is attempting to build a GIS-based database for illustrating and analyzing movement and distribution information from each whitefish stock.

If fishers can’t call at the time of recapture, Ebener still requests that they note the GPS coordinates, but if they are not attainable, he will record a rough description of the coordinates based on location of the fishing gear.

Funded by the US Fish and Wildlife Service’s Great Lakes Restoration Act, ITFAP is conducting the Lake Whitefish Distribution Study with the USFWS at Alpena, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. The Saugeen and Cape Crocker First Nations, and Bruce Power. Between the six agencies, whitefish stocks in eight areas of northern Lake Huron will be tagged and released each November as they ready to spawn. ITFAP will tag whitefish in the Detour and Cheboygan areas. Other tagging sites are the Burnt Islands, South Bay mouth, Fishing Islands area, Douglas Point, Sarnia, Saginaw Bay and the Alpena area. A second study, funded by the Great Lakes Fisheries Trust, is being conducted to learn more about the causes of natural mortality in lake whitefish. Natural mortality is any cause of death besides fishing, according to the study description. According to Ebener, natural mortality in whitefish is “probably one of the least known factors and one that is the most significant,” because it affects calculation of the Total Allowable Catches (TACs) and is an indicator of the health of the population. ITFAP is cooperating in the natural mortality study with Michigan State

University and Environment Canada. Researchers are looking at four whitefish stocks — in Detour and Cheboygan areas on Lake Huron and Big Bay de Noc and Naubinway areas on Lake Michigan — to establish the extent of natural mortality and its potential causes. The stocks being studied are large spawning populations of whitefish that also support substantial commercial fisheries.



Tagging a whitefish to create a database on their movements and distribution.

CORA regulates commercial fishing for its member tribes (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Bay Mills Indian Community, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians) in the 1836 treaty-ceded territory. Right now, fish managers use a model that uses whitefish growth parameters and environmental temperatures to estimate natural mortality rates. This model concerns fish managers because it has never been scientifically verified. Given widespread declines in Great Lakes Diporeia — the primary diet for whitefish — fish managers are very concerned about possible future impacts on whitefish stocks.

Four times a year, researchers will also collect in-depth fish health information, from general condition of the fish right down to the microbes and parasites within the fish. A study to identify and measure the amount of hostile pathogens in whitefish populations has never been conducted before. Tag and release in this study will be conducted November 7-17 through 2005. Each year, a fin will be clipped on all tagged fish and a different clip will be used each year. Left pectoral in 2003, adipose in 2004 and the left pelvic in 2005. One out of every 25 whitefish in the study will be given two tags.

**By Jennifer Dale**

## TENEYCK MADE CORA’S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SAULT STE. MARIE — Jane TenEyck has been made executive director of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA). The five-tribe agency oversees tribal fishing in Michigan’s 1836 treaty-ceded territory.

After proving her mettle as CORA’s acting executive director for the past year, TenEyck accepted the position at the Authority’s August 26 meeting in Sault Ste. Marie. The 17-year CORA veteran was tapped for the position following the resignation of Jeff Parker, who left the position last year to fulfill his duties as Bay Mills Indian Community’s tribal chairman.

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# Departmental News

## Note from the Public Relations Department

September 1<sup>st</sup> saw the beginning of a new phase for *the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians* with the creation of the **Public Information Department**. This department has some lofty goals as its mission statement states:

*The Public Information Department of The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will be an informational conduit between tribal members, their government and the larger outside community.*

*The department will increase tribal visibility by supporting participation in civic organizations, community events, educational opportunities and charitable endeavors.*

*We will represent the tribe in such a fashion as to engender improved relations through harmonious communication of our tribal goals, activities and spirit.*

Glenn C. Zaring, the Department Director, wrote this mission statement after consultation with tribal leaders and after an assessment of our relationships within the tribe and with the outside community, or as he likes to say, "...with our neighbors." According to Glenn, "The key to progress for any group is good information. We have to insure that all elements of our audience are informed about what is going on that can impact their world."

To that end, the Public Information Department has been in a process of formation the last few weeks. Melissa Waitner joined in as the Administrative Assistant (and Glenn's right hand) and Emily Drouin has just come on board with the department as a Public Media Specialist. It has indeed been a busy time!

But what does this mean to you? In simple terms:

- The newspaper you are now reading is the first one from this department;
- There now is a weekly e-newsletter for tribal employees;
- Press releases are going out (and coverage of) activities such as **the Red Tail Hawk release** (see the story in this paper) are happening;
- The Tribe sponsored a Candidate's Night to inform all area residents about candidates and issues in the upcoming election. This was televised and is going to be broadcast over Channel 2 extensively;
- Department representatives worked extensively in support of **Proposal 1**, which greatly affects the gaming industry;
- We've started participating in regional planning programs (through MECCA);
- A new web site for the tribe has been started;
- Interaction with three of our area Chambers of Commerce has been ramped up;
- The Department participated in the recent **Business Expo** at the Three Fires Conference Center.
- Etc. Etc....

The Public Information Department is definitely off to a running start! Thanks all those in the tribe and tribal government for their assistance in this process. The Public Information Department is looking forward to improving the communication of information that is important to members through our activities.

- Glenn Zaring

## Welcome to New LRBOI Employees!

Justin Chiotti	Fisheries Biologist/Inland	Lawrence Snay	Surveillance Operator
Emily Drouin	Public Information Specialist	Misty Woodward	Receptionist
Kevin Hunt	Surveillance Operator	Mick Moore	Facilities Management Director
Mick Moore	Facilities Management Director	Heidi Jo Mikula	Administrative Assistant -

## LRBOI/JOM Student Services Activities Deadline

As a reminder from the Education Department, December 1<sup>st</sup> is the cut-off for requesting the LRBOI/JOM Student Services Activities money. If your child has not yet used the activities money available for 2004, you have until December 1, 2004 to request this funding. When sending a request for this funding please submit the request form you received with the LRBOI/JOM Student Services Registration packet back in January. If you no longer have that form, please send a letter that includes the student's Tribal ID number, a detailed description of what activity the request is for, your complete address, and documentation of the cost. This documentation can consist of a bill or invoice, a receipt, or some documentation like a registration form or information sheet that gives information about the activity and lists the cost. The Education Department must receive your request on or before December 1, 2004.

If you have further questions, please contact Bridget Cole, Education Youth Assistant at (231) 398-6717 or (888) 723-8288

# Departmental News

## Residency Requirements for Tribal Tax Agreement

In the past, the State of Michigan only recognized its obligation to afford exemptions from certain state taxes to Tribal members living on trust land. Through the tax agreement, we were able to negotiate a significant broadening of recognition of tax exemptions to areas slightly larger than the 1836 and 1855 Reservation boundaries. As a result, valuable exemptions from certain state taxes are no longer tied simply to trust land, but extend to a much larger “Agreement Area”. For purposes of the tax agreement, a Resident Tribal Member is defined as a Tribal Member whose principal place of residence is located within the Agreement Area.

In order to take advantage of the exemptions available, Tribal Members living in the agreement area should file a residency form with the tax office. Maps of the agreement area are available to view at the Bank Building Tax Office (2nd Floor) and the Enrollment Office. Anyone moving in or out of the agreement area must report their address change to the enrollment office.

If you have any questions about your Residency status, please contact:

Barb Czarnecki, Tax Officer  
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
375 River Street, 2nd Floor  
Manistee, MI 49660  
Ph: 231-723-8288 Ext. 6874

## Tax Agreement Update

Utility bills are sales tax exempt for Resident Tribal Members. If you are a Resident Tribal Member (living within the Agreement Area), check your utility bills to see if they are charging you sales tax. If they are, contact the tax office for help in getting the sales tax removed. Call the tax officer at 398-8288 ext. 6874.

October 11, 2004

Dear Resident Tribal Members,

The implementation date for the Tax Agreement was April 1, 2004. Consistent with the Tax Agreement which recognized the Tribal tax exempt status of the Tribal government and Resident Tribal Members, the Tribe has chosen to authorize Tribal Members to use Tribal Certificates of Exemption for Sales and Use Tax for specific purchases listed below. A Tribal Certificate of Exemption must be presented to the vendor before purchasing the item. No refunds will be allowed for taxes on the purchase of the items covered by Tribal Certificates of Exemption. Certificates are available at the Tax Office located in the Bank Building (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) during normal business hours.

Items covered by the Tribal Certificate of Exemption:

- Motorized vehicles (cars, pick-up trucks, recreational vehicles, boats, motorcycles, snowmobiles)
- Modular or Mobile homes
- Construction materials for affixation to real property
- Tangible personal property for treaty fishing

The Tax Agreement requires that Resident Tribal Members follow certain procedures and file certain forms to receive the exemption. Information required before certificate can be filled out:

- Picture ID of Resident Tribal Member
- Vendor’s Name
- Vendor’s Address
- Detailed description of item being purchased
- Vehicle ID#, Year, Make and Model
- Modular or mobile home ID#, Year, Make, Model, Physical location within Tax Agreement Area
- Cost of item being purchased

If you have any questions regarding the Tax Certificates, please contact me at (231) 398-8288 Ext. 6874 or e-mail me at [bczarnecki@lrboi.com](mailto:bczarnecki@lrboi.com).

Thank you,

Barb Czarnecki, Tax Officer

## “Tribal Members Attention!”

*If you are interested in serving on one of the Tribal boards, committees or commissions we would like to hear from you. Please send a letter of interest to the attention of Ogema Lee Sprague. If you have questions, or would like to receive an application, please contact Mary Thomas at 231.3987.6824.”*

*Glenn Zaring, Public Information Department*

CITY PROCLAIMS OFFICIAL LAKE SUPERIOR DAY

SAULT STE. MARIE - The City of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich, has proclaimed the third Sunday of July as “Lake Superior Day.” On July 19, Mayor Tony Bosbous signed the resolution approved by the City Commission. Not to fear, the city was not a day late; it was a year early. Next year, Lake Superior Day will take place on Sunday, July 17, across the entire Lake Superior basin.

PROCLAMATION IN CELEBRATION OF LAKE SUPERIOR DAY

July 18, 2004

*Whereas, Lake Superior is the world’s largest freshwater lake and is essential to the quality of life and economic vitality of the cities, villages, towns and counties along its shores and in the surrounding watershed; and*  
*Whereas, Water is life and the quality of water determines the quality of life; and*  
*Whereas, Lake Superior supports recreational, commercial, tourism, tribal, and cultural activities for its residents and visitors; and*  
*Whereas, the responsibility for protecting and restoring the quality of Lake Superior’s waters, land, and wildlife lies with all residents, municipalities, businesses, tribes and visitors; and*  
*Whereas, mayors and other municipal and tribal officials throughout the Lake Superior basin desire to protect the water and habitat quality that all life depends on in the basin.*  
*Therefore be it resolved that I, Anthony G. Bosbous, the Mayor of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, do permanently establish the third Sunday in July as Lake Superior Day in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, which is a day to acknowledge and celebrate the lake’s importance in the quality of the lives of its residents.*  
*In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Sault Ste. Marie to be set this 18th day of July, 2004.*  
- Anthony G. Bosbous, Mayor

The city’s proclamation was drafted by Inter Tribal Fisheries Assessment Program Environmental Coordinator Mike Ripley as part of an effort by the Lake Superior Binational Forum to encourage all municipalities on the lake to name an official Lake Superior Day.

According to Lissa Radke, U.S. coordinator for the Lake Superior Binational Forum, the Forum started an informal Lake Superior Day on the third Sunday in July 2003 when one Forum member, Bob Browne of Superior, ambitiously got nine elected and tribal leaders to sign a proclamation that pledged a willingness to protect and respect the world’s biggest lake. Browne’s first signers were the mayors of Ashland, Bayfield, Duluth, Superior, and Two Harbors; the governors of Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin; and the Red Cliff tribal council.

This year, the Forum has a grant to officially launch the first-ever, basin-wide event starting in July 2005. However, the Forum wanted to start to generate interest and awareness this year in preparation for the 2005 event, said Radke.

- Jennifer M. Dale  
Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority(CORA)

WASHINGTON DC TRIP TO MUSEUM

CONTINUED FROM P. 1 - The 15 hour bus trip was very long, but on-board movies, and interesting scenery made the trip enjoyable. The kids enjoyed traveling through different states, and the Pennsylvania Turnpike, with its views of the Allegheny foothills, and a tunnel through a mountain were fun, but that was nothing compared to the thrill the kids experienced as the bus arrived in Washington DC. It was 9:00 at night and dark. The hotels, offices, and apartment buildings on the outskirts were impressive enough to the kids just as big city buildings, but when these gave way to the well-lit monolithic architecture of Washington DC’s monuments and museums reflecting in the Potomac River the bus erupted in oohs and aahs. The driver took the bus past the Pentagon and then downtown to the Hotel Harrington. With ESPN Zone on one corner, Hard Rock Café on another, and tall buildings everywhere the kids were pretty excited. We got our rooms, everyone got settled in and the next morning the sightseeing began.

The first day we were to visit the FBI building, but it was closed for renovations. Next stop was the Old Post Office, and a bird’s-eye view of the nation’s capitol from the tower. From there it was the National Museum of the American Indian. With early morning passes we got in easily but the two hours spent there was not enough time to see everything. That’s the thing about a place like Washington DC- there is so much to see that you can’t see it all, but we did try! The rest of the day we saw the National Air and Space Museum, the Smithsonian Castle, and the National Art Gallery, and the Capitol Building. Dinner for most was fry-bread or Indian Tacos at Shalifoe’s Native Foods (LRBOI) at the First American’s Festival. Then we walked to L’Enfant Plaza and caught the Metro, DC’s subway system, and rode the Orange Line to Federal Triangle- a nice blend of experiencing a new thing (most kids there had never been on a subway) and giving tired feet a break! Next morning we were on our feet again. The National Aquarium, the Washington Monument, the World War II Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam War Memorial, a long trek

to the Holocaust Museum which was closed for Yom Kippur, the Natural History Museum, a bus ride to Arlington National Cemetery, President Kennedy’s grave, and finally a bus ride back to the First American’s Festival for a concert featuring Star Nayea, Pappy John’s Band, and Keith Secola. Actor Wes Studi (Dances with Wolves, Last of the Mohicans, Heat) served as an impromptu MC. The concert ended with Keith Secola (Anishinaabe from Minnesota) singing “NDN Kars” with much of the audience, including most of the LRBOI kids, joining in a round dance on the National Mall. The night ended with a bus ride back to the hotel where everyone packed up and was ready for the 6am, 15hour bus ride back to Manistee the next morning.



# Art & Artists

*Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health*  
*In alliance with*  
*De-ba-jeh-mu-jig Theatre Group Present "Billy"*

*Suicide is not an easy topic to deal with, but Playwright Chris Craddock has found a beautiful way to integrate humor into this serious topic. Working with De-ba-jeh-mu-jig Theatre Group, it was reworked to better reflect an Anishinaabeg world view and sensibility. Humor is seen as a healing process among Native people, and the elements of humor in this show help in raising awareness around this very important issue.*

*We welcome you to join us for this entertaining educational event*  
*Two FREE Presentations @ Manistee High School*  
*Nov. 1st, 2004 6:30 pm in the Auditorium &*  
*Nov. 2nd, 10:30 am in the Gymnasium*  
*Workshop on Nov. 2nd from 1pm to 3pm*

*Informational materials will be made available before the show. All actors are trained in suicide A.S.S.I.S.T. and will be available to workshop audience questions and sign autographs after the second performance*

*For more information contact - Jason Crawford 231.398.6604*



## Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Resources

KENT COUNTY  
YWMCA Domestic Crisis Center  
(616) 459-4681  
Crisis (616) 451-2744

LAKE, MASON, AND OCEANA COUNTIES  
Region Four Community Services  
Crisis (800) 950-5808

MANISTEE COUNTY  
CHOICES  
Crisis (231) 723-0082

MUSKEGON COUNTY  
Every Women's Place  
Main (231) 759-7909  
Crisis (231) 722-3333 24 hr

NEWAYGO COUNTY  
WISE  
Crisis (231) 796-6600  
Or (800) 374-9473

OTTAWA COUNTY  
Center for Women in Transition  
Crisis (616) 392-1970  
Or (800) 848-5991

WEXFORD COUNTY  
OASIS/Family Resource Center  
Crisis (231) 775-7233

<u>Currents Submission Coupon</u>		
Please fill out the following coupon, cut it out, and mail it to; <i>Little River Currents</i> 375 River St., Manistee, MI 49660		
Dedications we receive will be published in the next available newspaper issue.		
Name: _____	Tribal ID #: _____	
Daytime Phone #: _____		
	Birthday/Belated Birthday	Anniversary/Wedding
	Birth Announcement	School/College Achievement
_____	Other	_____
_____	_____	
Write your dedication text out completely, for example: "Happy 60th Anniversary, Aunt Mary and Uncle Harry, April 1, 2004. From your family and friends." Dedications are printed EXACTLY as printed in the box below.		

THIS IS A VERSION OF THE HISTORY PRESENTATION GIVEN BY JAY SAM AT VARIOUS TIMES AND TO VARIOUS AUDIENCES. PORTIONS HAVE BEEN SHORTENED TO KEEP READERS AWAKE.



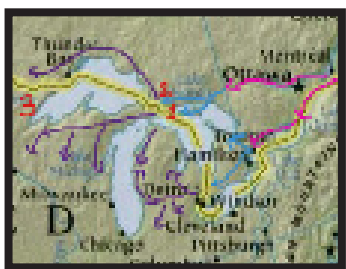
THIS IS A PRESENTATION ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE ANISHINAABEK AND THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS. NOT NECESSARILY A “HISTORIC PRESENTATION”.

MIGRATION

- The Anishinaabek were created here, in North America. Their version of creation states that.
- There is a telling of a migration from the salt water, seeking a new “homeland”.
- The Anishinaabek were present from the Great Lakes to the East Coast. Their territory is shown in blue/ purple with the Iroquois in green.



- The migration from the coastal villages to the Great Lakes started because of a vision shared by several tribal members. It warned of danger coming from the east. The vision told of a new center for the Anishinaabek territory.
- The People would know where this was by signs, such as: 1. An island would look like a turtle as they approached. 2. There would be rapids of white water they could fish in on foot.
- Several band histories tell of a final sign, a small shell called a “megis”. The shell was discovered along Lake Superior.
- Other speak of food that grows in the water (wild rice), and so moved into what is now Wisconsin and Minnesota.
- “Contact” was made with other tribal nations, some were friendly, some less so. The Dakota moved westerly, some moved south, while others shared the territory.



A “New” Home

- The blue area is the area the Anishinaabek now used as their central region. They still maintained some villages to the east, but roughly covered an area from Hudson Bay to the Maumee River, from east of Montreal to the Mississippi, in modern terms.
- The green represents the Iroquois central region which extends into most of modern New York and Pennsylvania.
- Both traded in the same areas. Sometimes with hostility.
- Both the Iroquois and then Anishinaabek make contact.
- The Anishinaabek meet the French (mostly) while the Iroquois met the British.
- Trade with the Europeans leads to Tribal hostilities.
- Armed by their partners the Iroquois push the Anishinaabek (and others away from their territories.
- Successful, the Iroquois continue to push the Anishinaabek west.
- The French, reacting to loss of trade, arm their allies.
- The Anishinaabek defeat the Iroquois at Iroquois Point and again on the Bryce Peninsula. It is their only Tribe v. Tribe defeat.
- The Iroquois retreat to their territory and the former situation returns for many years.

The French and Indian (v. English and Indian) War

- The Seven Years’ War between France and England North American component is called the French and Indian War by most. However, the English had Indian allies as well (hence the title).
- This war ended in 1763, with France relinquishing their holdings in the Great Lakes and Canada.
- This came as a surprise to the residents (owners) of those lands – the Anishinaabek and their allies. Especially as the English side was not very successful in the Great Lakes region.

FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR  
(RED ENGLAND- BLUE FRANCE) \* PONTIAC MEETS ROGERS



# History

## Pontiac's War

- Pontiac has united the Tribes of the region, including some Iroquois bands, who agree to attacking the British forts. The plan is: Without the forts the settlers would have to leave. Then they are denied the way to come back. By using a simple timing device made of a knotted string the attacks are coordinated. Untie a knot each day and when the last knot is untied you attack the fort near you.
- The Tribal forces capture 10 of the 13 forts in the region. Pittsburgh holds out due to terrain, and Detroit's commander receives a tip about the attack.
- Most forts fall to a "surprise" assault set up by a baagaadiwe (lacrosse game) or similar ruse.
- Amherst hears of the trouble and goes from the "capitol" (New York) to the wilderness (Philadelphia). He writes to the commander of Fort Pitt saying, "Can not we inoculate these tribes with smallpox or some other disease to rid the world of this wretched race?"
- The Pitt commander does just that, handing out infected blankets and other belongings in the first actual biological warfare attack. It works as the histories of the Tribes speak to a 50% death rate due to the spotted or sweating sickness.
- Pontiac had not captured Detroit, although he did win the Bloody Run battle and at again at Point Pelee. The British and colonials destroy a village (decimated by disease) at Bushy Run.
- Although there is no removal of the Europeans, Pontiac's War did bring forth the 1763 Proclamation barring further settlement in the territories of the Indians. No settler may move beyond the peak of the Alleghany Mountains without Tribal consent.
- It is of course, ignored.

## Another New Boss

- As time passes, Pontiac is killed in Cahokia while in the Villages life returns to "normal". Then the Colonies overthrow English rule and create a new country.
- American General Hamar marched 1500 regulars into the region, ironically following the same route as Braddock, to the same result with less than 20 returning.
- The war of 1812 flares up and the Anishinaabek fight with a Shawnee named Tecumseh. Their side loses and Tecumseh is killed. Still the Anishinaabek are a force to be dealt with.
- This is a map of villages in Michigan, color coded by "language" as indicator of residents. Ottawa is orange, Chippewa green, Potawatomi is purple (all are Anishinaabek) with Wyandot (Huron) in yellow. There are a lot of villages. The map is from a book called the Hinsdale Atlas.

## Let's Make a Deal

- The Americans decided to engage in deal making (treaties) with the Anishinaabek, rather than fight them. This map is the same one used for those negotiations. It was drawn by a Frenchman in Paris who never left his house (or neighborhood at least). It was drawn in 1822.
- The Chippeways (UP), Ottaways (N. MICH.) and Pottowatomies (LOW MICH.) are shown by name and shaded areas.

- 1821, Treaty of Chicago: Really with the Potawatomi, although someone from our Tribe attended. He was there to watch, but "signed". He was 'banished from Council'. (Some say he went fishing with others and never came back.)
- Treaty of Washington, 1836: Very important, although our ancestors didn't wish to take part or sell any territory, they were coerced into it. Still it was a strong treaty from the Tribe's POV. Ceded the lands in red, but reserved the areas in orange/yellow and kept the right to fish and hunt/gather within the territory among several key items.



- Congress changed the deal as the Senate approved it. The already reluctant Tribes now had a different deal than they made, with limits on the reservations and payments due the Tribes. As a result, the Indian Agent, H. Schoolcraft, moved all the supplies etc. to Sault St. Marie, closing the other Stations.
- In 1855 the Federal Government tried to correct the problems of the 1836 treaty by renegotiating with the treaty of Detroit. It too failed due to the Government's lack of effort.
  - The Tribe moved from South to North in the winter and the other way for summers. From the larger "garden" villages in the south where crops were raised (corn, beans, squash and other foods) to the smaller villages for wintering in the north where they trapped and hunted along the rivers.
  - This is a picture of how they traveled. At least according to H. R. Schoolcraft and Lt. Tidball. Although they may have used sails, the Lake Canoes were 35 feet (and more) in length.
  - If you are still reading and thus still awake – miigwetch. That's the way I learned our history. Baamaapii wiingezin. (Later, take it easy).

- Jay Sam



# LRBOI Government Structure

<div>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT</div> <div>James A. Clements Project Director <a href="mailto:jclements@lrboi.com">jclements@lrboi.com</a></div> <div>Juanita(“Nita”)Guenthardt Coordinator <a href="mailto:jguenthardt@lrboi.com">jguenthardt@lrboi.com</a></div>	<div>Mission Statement: “<i>The Tribes Economic Development Department shall plan, develop, implement and manage a diversified portfolio of sustainable Tribal enterprises that provide sustainable business opportunities diversifying gaming business risks.</i>”</div> <div>Primary Functions:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Develop and implement profitable and sustainable Tribal business ventures.</li><li>- Provide Tribal Member entrepreneurs with business development technical expertise and planning assistance.</li><li>- Manage and negotiate Tribal Land acquisitions.</li><li>- Incorporate Tribally Chartered Limited Liability Companies by functioning as the Tribe’s Department of Commerce.</li><li>- Assist with tribal Community Develop initiatives as requested.</li></ul></div> <div>The Department of Economic Development has assisted more than 70 Tribal Members with planning and developing their businesses!</div>
<div>UTILITIES DEPARTMENT</div> <div>Gary Lewis Interim Director Office # (231) 723-2309 <a href="mailto:glewis@lrboi.com">glewis@lrboi.com</a></div> <div>Mike Ceplina Laboratory                      Tech/ Maintenance Tech. Office # (231) 723-2309 <a href="mailto:mceplinaa@lrboi.com">mceplinaa@lrboi.com</a></div> <div>Rodney Mathews - Water Distribution&amp;Maintenance Tech Office # (231) 723-2309 <a href="mailto:rmathews@lrboi.com">rmathews@lrboi.com</a></div> <div>Main Line (231)723-2309 Operator Emergency cell # (231) 690-7156 Director, Emergency cell (231) 690-3511</div>	<div>Individual certifications are:  <b>Gary Lewis</b>, D-4 State of Michigan DEQ Water Works System Operator Native American Indian Water Association, Waste water treatment Class 1 Operator <b>Mike Ceplina</b>, D-4 State of Michigan DEQ Water Works System Operator Native American Indian Water Association, Waste water treatment Class 1 Operator</div> <div>Mission Statement: “<i>To identify the requirements of our customers and earn their respect by communicating openly, clearly, courteously, and promptly to any issues that may arise.</i> <i>To exercise our sovereign powers by providing excellent quality water and sewer services in accordance with Tribe’s utility ordinance, the U.S. safe drinking water act, and other applicable laws that are beneficial to the safety of the Citizens of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and patrons utilizing our facilities.</i>”</div> <div>Our Services: We supply water and sewer services for the Tribe’s housing &amp; casino operations. Our water distribution system consists of two source wells at 260 gallons per minute each, a 5000 gallon pressure tank and electrical controls to supply necessary water pressure to our customers, there are 42 fire hydrants’, water main size varies from 4 inch 8 and 12 inch water main.</div> <div>Our waste treatment plant is designed to handle <b>180,000 gallons of waste per day</b>. We have 52 manhole covers for a 6 inch forced main system with three lift stations.</div> <div>We have recently joined NAWA which is comprised of Indian utilities departments, nation wide. The circuit rider for the EPA that services all tribes in Michigan is seeking certification to become a proctor for testing purposes through NAWA, for all the tribes in the state. We will be transferring our state water license to an equivalent NAWA water license which should help to reaffirm our status at the federal level.</div> <div>Please call anytime Working hours are: 8-5pm, Mon- Fri. On call for emergencies: 24 hours a day 7 days a week</div>

# LRBOI Government Structure

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### Mission Statement:

*“LRBOI Facilities is committed to continuously develop and encourage a safe working environment by providing the necessary resources, leadership, and employee involvement. LRBOI Facilities vision is for a Safety culture that strives for zero accidents.”*

### Primary Functions:

- Maintain communications with all tribal departments to optimize job efficiency
- Keep all mechanical aspects of our facilities in proper working condition through preventative Maintenance practices
- Respond to all work requests in a timely fashion and allow up after request are completed to assure satisfaction
- Identify and rectify possible hazards and use safe work practices to help reduces possibilities or work related accidents.
- Up keep of tribal property

The crew has finished up major renovation on the Natural Resource Trailer, They have measured the ceiling and walls to replace drywall, added offices, hung paneling in the hallways, framing doors and windows and added a cap to the roof of the long and short walkway. Installed cabinets, count tops, sinks, and a waste water line. The carpet had also been torn out, and replaced with tile. Three bids were placed, and Krolczyk received the contract to install electricity.

The department has been maintaining tribal vehicles. Each vehicle comes in about 3 to 4 times a year for an oil change. We also do small repairs as need.

Built two offices and a storage room at the Newland Building.  
Renovated and Built offices at the Bank Building.

Office hrs 8am-5pm Monday-Friday.  
Office Phone: 723-7733  
Fax: 398-2963

## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

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Tribal Manager  
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Tribal Assistant Manager  
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### Mission statement:

ours would be the tribes...

### Pimary Functions:

The Administration Department Team is in charge of the Direction of the Tribal Government’s Departments

The Administration Department is most proud of the Organizational Chart they created in order to help Tribal Government and Council Members function in a more efficient way.

## PUBLIC INFORMAITON DEPARTMENT

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[gzaring@lrboi.com](mailto:gzaring@lrboi.com)

Emily Drouin  
PI Specialist

Melissa Waitmer  
Administrative Assistant

### Mission Statement:

*“The Public Information Department will be an informational conduit between tribal members, their government and the larger outside community.*

*The Department will increse tribal visibility by supporting participation in civic organizations, community events, educational opportunities and chari-table endeavors.*

*We will represent the tribe in such a fashion as to engender improved relations through harmonious communications of our tribal goals, activities and spirit.”*

### Primary functions:

- Media & Public Relations
- Little River Current
- LRBOI Website

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# Little River Currents

## ELECTION PROTECTION

YOU  
HAVE THE  
RIGHT TO  
VOTE

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Guide to Voter  
Assistance and  
Advocacy:

From  
Registration  
to a Ballot  
that Counts



the *Little River Curents* reminds you to **VOTE!** on November 2nd.

Through the window  
Beneath the tallest white  
pine  
My youngest fledgling  
and I  
Watch the remaining  
chickens  
Pecking at the brown  
needle-strewn earth.

We rest our foreheads  
against the cool glass  
Sorting out the wonders  
of poultry socialization  
And the average  
temperature of a  
chicken's foot in the fall.

I feel the weight of an  
untouchable--  
Inoperable sadness  
As I quietly reflect  
On the summer's passing.

Each year,  
I mourn the end of  
summer.  
I have a hard time  
Letting go.

Why my bereavement  
Is so expansive,  
I can only *begin* to  
Reason.

The facts which the  
Mother Earth and I hold  
So close and so true,  
Are eternal.

We both know that we  
will die  
A slow death,  
But attempt to hasten it  
with

Distractions of color and  
the  
Tingling sense of a  
Warm day and night.

The Earth will comfort  
the air,  
As I will comfort others.  
Saying, "There is no need  
for  
the shedding of life-  
giving waters.  
The flowers have gone to  
sleep."

"There is only the need  
for a thick blanket.  
A cover to shield us  
From time's secrets.

A womb  
To embrace us  
As we prepare to  
Begin again".

All the while  
Our story is sung in a  
Melodic,  
Comforting way.

But we know  
That underneath the  
beauty,  
Is the cruelty that makes  
us all

Love --so much.

Each bite of that sweet  
Luscious peach  
Is a memory of the  
Summer's beauty.

The memory of a million  
scents, a thousand  
feelings, a colorfully  
decorated tray of assorted  
phrases.

Each moment,  
Insignificant to some.  
But so momentous and  
wonderful  
To some,

That we spend the  
Entire season wishing  
The sun did not  
Slant so.

To retain the movement  
and tempo of the  
Long season's  
Chorus.

I pray to the Creator to let  
me just  
Bid the summer farewell.  
But at each year's turn  
The answer is the same.

I still have not learned the  
Beauty in saying  
Farewell.

Perhaps - the wind  
whistles through the  
white pine.  
Perhaps there is no  
farewell.

Only a wink of  
The Creator's eye  
Until we are  
Born again.

Our foreheads still  
pressed against the glass,  
Our bodies shoulder to  
shoulder.  
My young son  
Reaches over and pats  
my back,  
Twice.  
Gently and assuringly.

In those innocent  
pats exist a world of  
knowledge, a thousand  
wonderful memories, a  
pinch of sadness, and  
spoon fulls laughter.

A lifetime of  
contemplation.

Questions and  
answers...waiting to  
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